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SUBJ: ATTACK ON CDS CONGRESS EVOKES STRONG REACTION

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SUMMARY: PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTIES, INCLUDING SOCIALISTS, PPD,

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PCP, AND MES, HAVE CRITICIZED ACTIONS OF FAR LEFTISTS IN DIS-

RUPTING CDS CONGRESS PAST WEEKEND. PRESS COVERAGE SO FAR ACCURATE AND EXTENSIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL PRESS AND NATIONAL TELEVISION HAVE GIVEN FRONT PAGE AND GENERALLY FACTURAL COVERAGE TO EVENTS LEADING UP TO INTERRUPTION OF JANUARY 25-26 CONGRESS OF CENTER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS IN OPORTO. MORNING DIARIO DE NOTICIAS HEADLINES "CDS CONGRESS SUSPENDED DUE TO GRAVE INCIDENTS PROVOKED BY EXTREMISTS," AND GIVES GAIR AND ACCURATE MINUTE BY MINUTE RESUME OF EVENTS. THIS ACCOUNT ALSO CARRIES STATEMENT BY CDS LEADER FREITAS DO AMARAL TO EFFECT THAT "IF AUTHORITIES--MILITARY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND POLICE--NOT ABLE TO MAINTAIN ORDER, COUNTRY RUNS RISK OF SHORTLY SUCCUMBING TO DICTATORSHIP OF WORST KIND--DICTATORSHIP OF THE STREET MOB." HE SAID IF CDS CANNOT PURSUE NORMAL ACTIVITIES IT WILL BE SIGNAL THAT WESTERN-TYPE DEMOCRACY NOT POSSIBLE IN PORTUGAL.

2. O SECULO COVERAGE ALSO FRONT PAGE, BUT LESS EXTENSIVE AND MORE UNFAVORABLE TO CDS: HEADLINE RUN WAS "THOUSANDS BESIEGE CDS CONGRESS IN OPORTO: 20 WOUNDED IN ENCOUNTERS WITH POLICE." PAPER FOCUSED ON ACTIVITIES OF POLICE, NOT MOB, AND INTIMATED THAT THE 20 INJURED RESULTED FROM POLICE CHARGES AGAINST CROWD. THIS PAPER DID NOT CARRY ANY STATEMENT BY CDS LEADERS, AND GAVE MOST COVERAGE TO STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS LEADERS OF OTHER PARTIES REGARDING EVENTS.

3. BOTH SOCIALISTS (PS) AND POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PPD) ISSUED COMMUNIQUE TO PRESS IN WHICH THEY MAKE CLEAR THAT WHILE THEY IN NO WAY IDENTIFIED SELVES WITH CDS, THEY REGRETTED "SHAMEFUL INCIDENTS" AND TACTICS USED BY ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY. SOCIALISTS CLAIMED IN THEIR COMMUNIQUE THAT PS LEADERSHIP NOT AWARE OF DECISION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH IN OPORTO TO PARTICIPATE IN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CDS. PARTY CONDEMNED VIOLENCE WHICH OCCURRED AND WARNED THAT EVENTS SUCH AS THIS COULD BLOCK DEMOCRATIZATION OF COUNTRY.

4. COMMUNIST PARTY ALSO CONDEMNED WEEKEND VIOLENCE IN COMMUNIQUE (SEE LISBON 455). LEFT SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (MES), WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES AMONG THOSE WHO BESIEGED CONGRESS, LATER ISSUED COMMUNIQUE CRITICIZING VIOLENCE AS INCORRECT TACTIC. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, OBJECTIVE OF DEMONSTRATION, CLOSING OF CONGRESS, ACHIEVED, AND HENCE OUTCOME REFERRED TO AS A VICTORY FOR MASSES. AT SAME TIME, MES CALLED FOR ABOLITION OF RIOT POLICE AND DISARMING OF PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE (PSP) AS WELL AS OF NATIONAL REPUBLICAN GUARD (GNR), BOTH OF WHICH BORE BRUNT OF WRATH OF MOB.

6. UPI CORRESPONDENT WHO OUTSIDE SITE OF CDS CONGRESS HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE SAW PCP ACTIVIST LEAVE PCP INFORMATION BOOTH

IN DOWNTOWN OPORTO TO LEAD MOB WITH BULLHORN IN HAND. (COMMENT:
THIS CORRESPONDENT DOES NOT SPEAK PORTUGUESE AND IS NOT FAMILIAR
WITH VARIETIES OF PARTIES CALLING SELVES "COMMUNIST," AND HENCE
MAY HAVE CONFUSED TROTSKYITE COMMUNISTS OF LCI WITH PCP.)

7. SELTEL FOLLOWS DESCRIBING DISSENSION WITHIN ARMY UNITS AT
SCENE AND EXPLAINING ROLE OF POLICE AND GNR IN DEFENSE OF
CONGRESS DELEGATES.
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